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1. OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS RESIDENT IN KABUL, OFFICIAL AND OTHERWISE, AND COA AUTHORITIES HAVE OCCURRED. THESE INCIDENTS IN OUR JUDGMENT REFLECT THE ALMOST BREXENT SUSPICION AND FEAR ON THE PART OF COOP MEMBERS IN KABUL AND IN THIS CASE NO EVIDENT REFLECTS A "JITTERINESS" WHICH BELIES THE REGIME'S CONSTANT PROTERMINATION OF EVIDENCE OF WIDE-SPREAD POPULAR SUPPORT NOT ONLY FOR THE COOP, BUT FOR THE GROUP NOW IN POWER.

2. SINCE ALL OF THESE INCIDENTS INVOLVE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND BECAUSE IN EACH INSTANCE SOME ASPECT WAS IN OUR JUDGMENT IN VIOLATION OF ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STATES AND PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, I CALLED ON DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI FROM THE AMERICAN CONSUL IN BEIRUT, LEBANON, AUGUST 18, 1958.

RE: HAM RADIO OPERATORS. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, CHARLES BENNETT, VICE PRESIDENT ARIANA AIRLINES AND AN EMPLOYEE OF PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, WAS SENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS. BENNETT IS DE FACTO LEADER OF A GROUP OF SOME TWELVE HAM RADIO OPERATORS IN BEIRUT. HE WAS TOLD BY THE MINISTER THAT ALL HAM RADIO WOULD HAVE TO BE TURNED IN TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS THAT AFTERNOON. BENNETT DEMURED ON BEHALF OF OTHERS, INDICATING HE WANTED TO COOPERATE IN TURNING IN HIS OWN EQUIPMENT. THE MINISTER WAS ADAMANT AND INSISTED THAT HE ARRANGE FOR ALL TO TURN IN THEIR SETS. BENNETT, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MILITARY AND MINCON, PROCEEDED HIS RESIDENCE WHERE HIS EQUIPMENT WAS TURNED OVER FOR WHICH HE INSISTED AND RECEIVED A RECEIPT BECAUSE OF HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH ONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY. ALL OF REMAINING SETS BUT ONE BELONG TO THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS. MOST OF WHOM ARE EMPLOYEES OF UN AGENCIES. THE OTHER ONE OF WHICH IS LAWRENCE MORRISON, AN EMPLOYEE OF CHOCCHI AND CO. (AID UNDER CONTRACT TERM FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT). PRAGMATICALLY, GERMAN GEORGE KILLIAN SPOKE WITH A/DCM HOLIDAY FOLLOWING MORRISON INCIDENT STATING THAT TWO OF HAM RADIO OPERATORS WERE GERMAN NATIONALS AND WERE INSISTING THAT THE EMBASSY MAKE OFFICIAL PROTEST. KILLIAN SAID HE DISINCLINED TO DO SO SINCE SETS WERE NOT LICENSED EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NO LICENSING PROCEDURE.

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... POST CAR OFFICE ...
... STATION ON HIGH HILL ...
... WHICH WAS THREE COMPONENTS, ONE FOR AFGHAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR,
... FOR USAID AND ONE FOR EMBASSY. DESPITE EARLIER DISCUSSION AT
... REGARDING VISIT OF ... AND NEED FOR GOA APPROVAL VISIT TO
... APPROVAL HAD NOT BEEN OBTAINED. UPON COMPLETION TECHNICAL
... OF EQUIPMENT INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED ON RETURN TO BASE OF ...
... WERE APPREHENDED BY POLICE, HELD AND QUESTIONED FOR SOME ... HOURS.
... CAR OFFICER WAS PERMITTED TELEPHONE EMBASSY AND HIS WIFE. ...
... IN DAY ... AGENT TO SPEAK WITH INDIVIDUALS IN PERSON, WHO
... AT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, HE WAS DENIED ACCESS. INDIVIDUALS ...
... WITH SOME PERSONAL EQUIPMENT (CAMERA, BINOCULARS, EMBASSY
... AND PISTOL) WERE TAKEN AND HELD, AFTER APPROPRIATE ...

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PRIGRAH OFFICE USAID ON BRIEF VISIT TO
... HAD DISAGREEMENT WITH MANAGER RAMYAN HOTEL CONCERNING BILL.
... WHICH HOTEL MANAGER STRUCK HIM THREE TIMES. WHILE BEING QUESTIONED
BY LOCAL AGENTS, INCLUDING VICE GOVERNOR AND POLICE, AID EMPLOYEE
WAS DENIED PERMISSION TELEPHONE EMBASSY.

3. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, COMPOUND OF USAID DIRECTOR'S SECRETARY WAS
ENTERED BY SOLDIERS SEEKING TO INSPECT HOME, BUT WHEN THEY WERE NOT
PERMITTED TO ENTER HER HOME AND DEPARTED. ON ... HOME OF AID
PERSONNEL OFFICER WAS FORCIBLY ENTERED DURING OFFICER'S ASSEMBLY BY THREE
POLICE OFFICERS, ONE SOLDIER AND AN ... CIVILIAN. THE POLICE AND SOLDIER

WERE ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS. THEY REMOVED FROM HIS HOME HIS U.S. GOVERNMENT-OWNED PORTABLE TRANSceiver FOR WHICH THEY LEFT BEHIND A PIECE OF PAPER ON WHICH WAS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH THE WORDS "MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS".

4. ON AUGUST 22, WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING, THE KABUL OFFICE OF FISCHBACH-OFFEN INTERNATIONAL (FOI) (CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT AT KAJAKAI DAM UNDER USAID LOAN) WAS ENTERED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MILITARY WHO TOLD PERSONNEL TO IMMEDIATELY SHUT DOWN FOI RADIO LINK TO PROJECT SITE AT KAJAKAI. IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT OF AFGHAN BRESHERA MOOSSASS (ARM) WHICH IS AGENT OF GOA FOR PROJECT RESULTED IN HIS IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION PERMIT RADIO LINK AS WELL AS NEED FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO SUPPORT LARGE AMERICAN, TCH AND AFGHAN COMMUNITY AT PROJECT SITE. HE UNDERTOOK TO HAVE LINK RESTORED. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN RESTORED.

5. ON EARLY EVENING AUGUST 27 MRS. CAROL SAFT, AMERICAN WIFE OF ARIANA AIRLINES PILOT DAUD SAFT, WAS SEOT BY AFGHAN SOLDIER BECAUSE SHE, ACCORDING TO AFGHAN MILITARY, HAD RUN ROADBLOCK NEAR EMBASSY, ADJACENT LARGE ARMY TANK PARK BEHIND RADIO AFGHANISTAN. MRS. SAFT WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY INJURED BY FLYING GLASS FROM TWO ROUNDS WHICH FIRED AT ALMOST POINT-BLANK RANGE INTO WINDSHIELD OF VOLSWAGEN. SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HER MOTHER, MRS. CHARLES BURNS, AND HER THREE YEAR OLD SON. A/DCM PROCEEDED FROM EMBASSY TO SITE OF INCIDENT AND REVIEWED SITUATION THROUGH INFORMAL INTERVIEWER WITH SENIOR CAPTAIN WHO APPARENTLY IN CHARGE. CAPTAIN INSISTED THAT ROADBLOCK AT BOTH ENDS OF LONG STREET HAD BEEN IN PLACE THOUGH

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125. A/DCM ASKED WHY CAR CONTAINING TWO WOMEN AND A CHILD FIRED UPON WITH APPARENT OBJECTIVE OF HITTING PEOPLE IN MY VEHICLE. CAPTAIN DID NOT RESPOND AND ONLY INSISTED THAT ROADBLOCK CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AND THAT SHE HAD BEEN TOLD TO STOP AT ENTRANCE. A/DCM THEN SOUGHT ME AT FOREIGN OFFICE, BUT I HAD DEPARTED, HE NONETHELESS SAW AND REVERSED SITUATION WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAFID ABDULLAH.

6. ALL OF FOREGOING WE BELIEVE REPRESENTS INSECURITY ON PART OF MILITARY. A/DCM IN LESS THAN DIPLOMATIC FASHION IN REPLY TO ABDULLAH'S OBSERVATION THAT ENTIRE FOREIGN COMMUNITY SHOULD ACT WITH GREAT CAUTION IN VIEW OF FACT THIS MILITARY REGIME, ASKED IF COUP SO SUCCESSFUL WHY WAS MILITARY SO JITTERY. ABDULLAH NOTED THAT ON DEVELOPING FILMS IN CAMERA OWNED BY EMBASSY CAR OFFICER (CAR OFFICER HAD SUGGESTED GOA DEVELOP FILM AND KEEP - AND THEY BELIEVED TO BE CONTRARY TO SECURITY INTERESTS) THAT PICTURES HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HILLTOP OF DAWAZANG PRISON WHERE "AS YOU KNOW ABOUT WALL, MUSA SHAFIQ AND OTHERS ARE PRISONERS", (THIS CONFIRMS FOR FIRST TIME FROM AUTHORITY SOURCE WHAT ALL ELEMENTS OF MISSION HAD HEARD FROM NUMBER OF OTHER LESS AUTHORITY SOURCES), AND THAT MILITARY WERE VERY UPSET BY THIS. ABDULLAH ALSO NOTED THAT LAST WEEK GROUP OF AMERICAN CHILDREN IN LARGE SE SECTION OF CITY NEAR SOVIET EMBASSY HAD BEEN PLAYING WITH CAR - PISTOLS WHICH RESULTED ARRIVAL SQUAD OF ARMY

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NOTE, AND ONLY AFTER THE INCIDENTS BY EITHER OF ONE OF
CITIZENS WERE SATISFIED.

7. IN REVIEWING THESE INCIDENTS, EXCEPT FOR THE SAFT CASE, I POINTED
OUT TO ABDULLAH THAT HE RECOGNIZED EVERY GOVERNMENT HAD SOVEREIGN
RIGHT TO REGULATE THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS OWN PEOPLE AND FOREIGNERS
WITHIN ITS BORDERS. I NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THERE ARE LIMITATIONS ON
ACTIVITIES OF SUCH PEOPLE, THOSE LIMITATIONS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AND
MADE KNOWN AND SHOULD BE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO ALL. I POINTED OUT IN
PARTICULAR THAT HOMES OF FOREIGNERS OFFICIALLY ASSIGNED TO AFGHANISTAN
MUST BE INVIOLENT UNLESS IT COULD BE DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY THAT RESIDENTS
OF SUCH HOMES WERE ACTING IN VIOLATION OF AGREEMENTS, UNDERSTANDING
OR ORDERS. I SAID THAT ALL OF FOREGOING ACTIVITIES ON PART GOA
AUTHORITIES WERE IN ESSENCE EXCESSIVE HARASSMENT OF FOREIGNERS AND COULD
NOT BE TOLERATED. I ALSO INSISTED ON RETURN OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
TAKEN FROM HOME OF AID PERSONNEL OFFICER AND EMBASSY CAR OFFICER.

8. ABDULLAH ASSURED ME THAT ALL OF FOREGOING POINTS WOULD BE EXAMINED
AND EQUITABLE RESOLUTION FOUND. HE REITERATED NEED FOR ALL FOREIGNERS
TO ACT WITH GREATEST CAUTION IN VIEW OF FACT THIS IS MILITARY REGIME.
HE ADDED THAT MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS WOULD BE PUBLISHED
CONCERNING USE OF RADIOS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT BY FOREIGNERS
AND AFGHAN NATIONALS.

9. COMMENT: I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE SEEN THE LAST OF THESE
KINDS OF INCIDENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE THROUGH WHATEVER MEANS
AVAILABLE ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL TO ACT WITH REASONABLE COMMON SENSE UNDER
CIRCUMSTANCES AND AVOID AT ALL TIMES PLACING THEMSELVES IN POSITION WHEREBY
SUCH INCIDENTS COULD OCCUR.

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